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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application : Willem Ferdinand Nieuwenhuizen  
Application No. : 10/542,838  
Filed : July 20, 2005  
Confirmation No. : 9011  
For : SPHINGOLIPIDS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF THE  
COMPOSITION OF THE INTESTINAL FLORA  
Examiner : Paul W. Dickinson  
Attorney's Docket : VER-194XX

TC Art Unit: 1618

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

**Via Electronic Filing**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the office action dated April 1, 2010, Applicant elects for present prosecution the claims of Group I, claims 1-5, 10 and 11, drawn to a method for improving the composition of the intestinal flora of a bird or a mammal.

This election is with traverse because examination of all of the claims is not seen as imposing an undue burden on the Examiner.

Applicant reserves all rights to the unelected claims for future prosecution but hereby authorize the Examiner to